

NOTICE

In order to comply with State Law regulating solid waste, The Whitman Department of Public Works Board of Commissioners recently voted to implement mandatory recycling.

What this means to residents is the trash collector will be instructed not to pick up any trash unless there is recyclable materials in an accepted container next to their regular non-recyclable trash.

This policy is intended to keep out illegal items and to increase the Town's recycle tonnage, with the hope of reducing the Town's solid waste cost and at the same time helping the environment.

This policy will take effect on JULY 1, 2011.

Please use the enclosed sheet to guide you thru our single stream recycling program and if you have any questions please call or visit the Dept. of Public Works office at 100 Essex St. (781) 447-7630

Recycle •Little Effort •BIG difference	USING MANDATORY RECYCLING TO REDUCE DISPOSAL COSTS Benefits of Mandatory Recycling
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Massachusetts communities pay some of the highest disposal fees in the country. Averaging between \$ 60-\$ 80 a ton, Whitman currently pays \$ 95, communities are literally throwing away millions of dollars annually to dispose of materials that should be recycled.

Communities across the state are realizing the potential savings from enforcing local waste bans.

- In one year, the Town of North Andover saved \$ 180,000 on disposal costs and has saved \$ 250,000 to date.
- In the first year of the program, the Town of Chelmsford saved over \$99,000 in disposal fees and is recycling considerably more and throwing less in the trash.
- Saugus has saved more than \$ 60,000 in disposal costs since the inception of its' program in FY'06
- Tyngsborough found that 85% of previously non-recycling household were recycling after the onset of mandatory recycling.

Household refuse will be collected once each week on an assigned day from each private residence not exceeding **3-families in any one unit**, providing these Rules and Regulations are complied with. Refuse from private enterprises, commercial, industrial, profit or not-profit including apartment buildings will not be collected. **Recycling will be collected weekly.**

ACCEPTABLE CONTAINERS:

- a. Plastic and Metal Barrels: Shall be covered and water tight. Metal containers shall be galvanized iron, aluminum or other non-rusting metal. Barrels shall have suitable handles and capacity of not less than 20 or more than 35 gallons per container and a maximum weight of 50 lbs., with contents. Metal containers having ragged or sharp edges or any other defect tending to hamper or injure the person collecting will not be emptied. All trash must be in plastic bags. Three (3) barrels maximum per single family.
- b. Plastic Bags: These must be of the type normally used for rubbish but not less than 4 mil strength, not more than 35 gal. capacity, not more than 50 lbs. when full and they must be securely tied to prevent spillage.

ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS FOR COLLECTION:

- a. Rubbish: Rags, rubber, plastic toys, boxes, etc.
- b. Garbage: Fruits, vegetables, peelings food waste, animal matter, etc. Such materials must be securely wrapped before placing it with other rubbish.
- c. Bulky Items: One such item per household will be accepted per week. Such items include chairs, couches, tables, mattresses, hot water tanks, doors, glassware windows, bathroom fixtures, bicycles, air conditioners, refrigerators, stoves, washers, dryers, and other similar types of household furnishes and appliances. Refrigerator doors must be removed by the owner prior to being put out for pick up. **Rugs cut** maximum length of 3 ft., and maximum diameter of 1 ft.
- d. Lumber: One bundle securely tied permitted each week. Maximum length of 3 ft., and maximum diameter of 1 ft.
- e. Brush: One bundle securely tied permitted each week. Maximum length of 4 ft., and maximum diameter of 3 ft.
- f. Recyclable: ****See Reverse Side.**

NON-ACCEPTABLE MATERIALS:

- a. Ashes from coal or wood stoves, stone, rocks, bricks, broken pavement, stumps and other unsuitable fill materials.
- b. Demolition wastes, including but not limiting to roofing, siding, timber, plaster, laths, glassware windows*, doors*, flooring, bathroom fixtures*, and similar materials*.
*See Bulky Items, one per week.
- c. Televisions and computer monitors require permit and are to be taken to D.P.W. yard.

COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS:

- a. Solid Waste must be placed at the curb or street line by 7:00 A.M. on the assigned day of collection.
- b. The town is divided into 5 sections and collection will be made in each section on designated day.
- c. If a holiday falls on a collection day, refuse will be picked up the following day and one day late for each succeeding day for the remainder of that week. The same applies to cases of severe storms or any other contingencies that might impede normal collection.
- d. **NO CALL BACKS WILL BE PERMITTED.**
- e. Materials separated for recycling shall not be commingled with the trash.
- f. ****ALL RECYCLING ITEMS CAN BE COMINGLED IN SAME CONTAINER, as WHITMAN has now adopted single stream recycling as of 12/30/2010 and mandatory recycling as of 7/1/2011.**
- g. ****ALSO RESIDENTS CAN PICK UP A RECYCLE STICKER AT THE D.P.W. TO PUT ON A TRASH BARREL AND THIS WILL ALLOW IT TO BE A LARGER CONTAINER FOR SINGLE-STREAM RECYCLING.**

<u>Material</u>	<u>Acceptable</u>	<u>How to Prepare</u>	<u>UNACCEPTABLE</u>
GLASS	*All bottles and jars, clear and colored, Deposit and Non-Deposit	*Rinse Clean *Rings and labels may be left on *Do Not Break *Place in recycling bin commingled with plastics, metals & paper	*Broken glass, dishes, ceramics, mirrors, plate glass, crystal, etc.
PLASTICS <u>NO. 1 - 7</u> <u>EXAMPLES:</u>	*Any plastic container marked with triangular recycling symbol No. 1 through No. 7 *#1 - PET-Soda & Liquor bottles *#2 - HDPE -Milk, water, detergent bottles *#3 - PVC - Vegetable oil, shampoo, wiindow cleaner bottles *#4 - LDPE - 6 pack rings, flexible lids *#5 - PS - Plastic flower pots, trays *#7 - Other - All Other Resins	*Rinse Clean *Labels may be left on *Large containers may be crushed *Place in recycling bin commingled with glass, cans and paper	*Any plastic container or item not clearly marked
ALUMINUM & METAL CANS	*Aluminum cans, pie plates, trays and containers *Steel, tin and metal cans	*Rinse Clean *Labels may be left on *Ends may be removed and cans/containers flattened *Place in recycling bin with glass, plastic & paper	*Cans with plastic or paper parts, scrap metal
NEWSPAPER & MIX PAPER	*Newspapers, including Sunday supplements, magazines & catalogs *Books & Phone Books *Cardboard: Boxes & Corrugated *Office & clean paper *Paper junk mail & paper envelopes	*Place in Recycling bin with glass, plastic & metal	*Material that contains anything other than clean paper products

WHITMAN RECYCLES!

MIX THE FOLLOWING RECYCLABLES IN HERE:



Glass jars & bottles



Aluminum cans



Tin or steel cans



Cereal boxes and other paperboard boxes.



Cardboard
(place inside or next to cart)



Books (hard or paperback)



Junk mail



Plastic bottles



Magazines & catalogs



Newspaper & inserts



Office paper & file folders



Paper bags

PLEASE:

- **NO** styrofoam
- **NO** electronics
- **NO** ceramics or dishes
- **NO** food waste
- **NO** plastic grocery bags
- **NO** motor oil containers
- **NO** household hazardous waste
- **NO** light bulbs, mirrors or window glass

**NO
TRASH OR
YARD WASTE**

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